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The Story of "The Epsilon Informer"

One of the outstanding success stories in the annals of the Fraternity is being written month by month in Detroit. Epsilon Chapter, at Wayne University, has been publishing a chapter newspaper, *The Epsilon Informer,* for more than two years, now, with truly remarkable results. Publication is usually looked upon as a rather formidable undertaking, particularly because of the expense involved. For this reason, many groups who have toyed with the idea have abandoned it because of what they consider an insurmountable obstacle. Those responsible for *The Epsilon Informer* have demonstrated again the truth of the old bromide, "Where there's a will there's a way." This is the story of why it was done, and how.

The chapter at Wayne University was faced with a problem not uncommon in fraternity affairs: the all-important item of alumni support, especially in the way of attendance at functions, was minimal. At a certain rushing party, only three alumni were present. One of these was F. W. Hyde. Dr. Hyde was impressed by two things: the first was the perfectly grand time he was having at the only rushing event he had attended since his school days; the other was the conspicuous absence of alumni at the gathering. He learned from the president of the undergraduate chapter that maintenance of contact with alumni, and consequently maintenance of alumni interest, was extremely difficult. There followed some discussion of ways and means, and the plan of publishing some sort of bulletin, to appear frequently, was adopted.

Numerous technical problems naturally arose. What should be the form

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New Chapter House at Creighton

A last-minute news item from Creighton University announces that Eta Chapter has purchased a home. This step is the climax of over forty years of planning, dreaming, and working by Eta undergraduates and alumni. The purchase was made possible by a chapter building fund and by the generous co-operation of alumni.

Eta Chapter House, Omaha, Nebraska

The Eta Chapter house is a sixteen room dwelling located in a good residential section of Omaha. The chapter has occupied it since October, and there are at present nineteen members and pledges living in it, with more to follow soon.

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Award Established by Squibb

An award for meritorious scientific work in the field of endocrinology has been established by E. R. Squibb & Sons. This award, amounting to $1,000, is to be given annually for the best endocrinological research done in the United States or Canada during the previous calendar year. Under special circumstances, the prize may be divided among several workers, or may be awarded in recognition of work extending over a longer period of time. A committee of judges is to be appointed by the president of the Association for the Study of Internal Secretions, charged with the administration of the award.

National Interfraternity Conference

The 1940 meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference, held at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, November 28-30, has been hailed by many of those who attended as the greatest meeting in the thirty-two years of the organization's history. Chairman L. G. Balfour opened the meeting on Friday forenoon and welcomed five new fraternities to the conference. The roll of sixty now includes every fraternity eligible for membership in the National Interfraternity Conference.

For the first time, annual awards were given to individuals for their "distinguished service to youth through the American college fraternity." A beautiful sculptured piece was presented to N. I. C. to be awarded annually to the undergraduate interfraternity council sponsoring the most worth-while program.

The conference voted to restrict the expansion of its membership to four-year colleges and universities accredited by the Association of American Universities. The committee on policy outlined constructive trends for fraternities in a changing world, and the delegates, responding to the patriotic spirit evident in the whole conference, voted to offer the services of the N. I. C. in the national defense program.

L. G. Balfour was re-elected as chairman of the conference, and was especially congratulated upon the great success of the dinner held on Friday evening. The dinner program, with Lowell Thomas as toastmaster and Wendell Willkie as guest speaker, was enjoyed by over three thousand, the largest assembly of fraternity men in history. An elaborate booklet, with engravings of the Interfraternity Con-

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Our Youngest Chapters—Impressions of a Councilor

By Frank B. Queen, M.D.,
Alpha Delta

On the occasion of the Founders' Day activities, the writer had the pleasure of visiting our two youngest chapters—Alpha Omicron at Baylor University, Dallas, and Alpha Nu, University of Texas, at Galveston. Both are excellent chapters which Phi Rho Sigma is justly proud to call her own.

The members of Alpha Omicron are friendly and pleasant, and are an unusually high type of boys who ably maintain the ideals and standards of the Fraternity. The chapter numbers forty-six, approximately evenly divided among the classes, and is one of four medical fraternity groups on the Baylor campus. The chapter owns its home, and it is located close to school. Pride of ownership is manifest from the care given the house, and its appearance reflects the spirit of the chapter. Recently the members repainted their house, and in the basement they have constructed club rooms which compare favorably with those at Lambda Phi, University of Pennsylvania, which are the models of all club room construction, judged by either amateur or professional standards. It is spirit such as this that makes a fraternity, and when evidenced among students it marks them as being the material from which good doctors are made. The chapter is in sound financial condition. Scholarship is satisfactory and alumni relationships are good.

Alpha Omicron of Baylor is a chapter of which the Fraternity may well be proud. Its management is sound, the chapter has a program for the future, and the members are a responsible, purposeful type. The chapter is now, and one may confidently predict that it will continue to be, one of the better components of our Fraternity.

Your councilor is happy to report that Alpha Nu Chapter, at Galveston, is also one in which the Fraternity may well delight. Like Alpha Omicron, this chapter is rich in tradition and has had as members many men now eminent in Texas medical practice and as faculty members at the University. In this respect both chapters are alike.

Alpha Nu traces direct lineage from a group whose very name denotes them favorably—the old "Jolly Bone Jugglers" of Texas U.—organized at a time of which perhaps only Dr. Harris can tell us. Fortunately, their spirit is continuously with the chapter.

There are forty-one members in the chapter. The first and second year classes are particularly strong. Chapter spirit is high and scholarship is exceptional. About one-half of the University of Texas A. O. A. members are from our chapter. Most of the senior professors at Galveston are Phi Rho's; in this respect the chapter is fortunate. The chapter is not in debt. Alpha Nu's greatest need is for a permanent housing plan.

Phi Rho Sigma may congratulate itself upon these two Texas chapters, not only for their qualities as chapter organizations, but also for the quality of the individual students composing the chapters. In the final analysis this always determines the character of the chapter. Alpha Omicron and Alpha Nu are in every respect fulfilling admirably the tradition of Phi Rho Sigma.

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"Epsilon Informer"

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of the bulletin? How could it be published monthly at a reasonable cost? What should it contain? Some of the answers were supplied by Dr. Hyde's secretary, Mrs. Graham, who adapted the proposed publication to the limitations of the relatively inexpensive mimeograph technique and undertook the actual make-up. As to content, the idea was to build the paper along the pattern of the traditional fraternity "get-together". There would be a guest speaker to supply inspirational, instructive, or cultural material. There would be news items dealing with the activities of undergraduates and alumni, corresponding to the trivia so characteristic of fraternal gatherings. There would be humor, censored according to realistic rather than literary standards. Someone suggested publishing a roster of Phi Rho physicians located in and about Detroit. The financial end was found to be less of a problem than was anticipated, and voluntary contributions were requested (and obtained) for the first volume.

The paper met with almost instantaneous success. It became the topic of conversation wherever Phi Rho's gathered and resulted in many surprises as physicians learned the unsuspected fraternity affiliations of some of their colleagues. Letters of encouragement began to arrive at the editorial office (Dr. Hyde's). An awakening of interest in the affairs of Phi Rho Sigma was evident on all sides. Attendance at the annual initiation banquet jumped from a total of thirty-five in 1937 to seventy-five in 1938. A Detroit Alumni Association was organized, and not only took over the financing of the paper but aided the chapter to secure rooms close to the medical school, assuming at the same time general supervision over the chapter's activities. *The Epsilon Informer,* therefore, has changed the situation in Detroit from one in which alumni had little practical interest and virtually no part to one in which the alumni and undergraduates are working on a mutual project for the betterment of the Fraternity.

The Epsilon Informer is mailed to all Phi Rho's in Detroit, regardless of their chapter affiliations; to all Epsilon alumni, wherever located; to all chapter secretaries; and to all members of the Executive Council. Thus, about 450 copies per month are sent out. The paper appears eight times a year, monthly during the school term. The total cost, including postage, is approximately $100 per year, plus $1.40 per page (for each issue). Here is a publication that pays for itself by maintaining contact between the undergraduates and the alumni.

Journal Observes Birthday

The first number of the twenty-sixth volume of *The Journal of Laboratory and Clinical Medicine* marks the twenty-fifth anniversary in the publication of this well-known and important medical periodical. Under a distinguished and capable editorial board headed by Dr. Warren T. Vaughan, *Zeta,* of Richmond, Virginia, this publication continues to fill a place unique among medical periodicals by helping to bridge the gulf between the laboratory and the clinic. *The Journal of Laboratory and Clinical Medicine* is noted for the elegance of its make-up and the meatiness of its articles. It is a matter of justifiable pride to Phi Rho Sigma that one of its members is editor-in-chief of such a useful and popular journal. It is also interesting to note that the first editor was Dr. Victor C. Vaughan, father of the present incumbent.

Legal Medicine

In a recent article on "The Status of Legal Medicine in America," Alan R. Moritz, *Iota,* Professor of Legal Medicine at Harvard University Medical School, deplored the coroner system in this country, and made a strong plea for the development of qualified medico-legal experts, particularly for handling the cases which usually involve the coroner's office.

Dr. Moritz was particularly critical of lay coroners but stated that many physician coroners were qualified politically rather than professionally for their work. He suggested, as a remedy for the present unwholesome situation, adoption of a state medical examiner's system, with experienced pathologists retained in office regardless of changes in administration. Where such a change would prove too cumbersome, he recommended establishment of a division of Medico-Legal Pathology as a subsidiary of the Department of Public Health, or, as another alternative, creation of permanent positions for qualified experts in the office of the county coroner.

Dr. Moritz stated, in closing: "When it is considered how important to the administration of justice the participation of medical science can be, and is in practically all of the countries of the civilized world except the United States, it is apparent that some changes must be made in our present system. The primary responsibility for initiating improvement rests with organized medicine. Organized medicine cannot afford to remain passive in the presence of a problem which is basically medical and which demands early solution."

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Elliott Addresses Conference

Ralph W. Elliott, *Kappa,* represented the Professional Interfraternity Conference at a recent meeting of the Interfraternity Conference of Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland. The discussion emphasized that in professional schools in which there are both general fraternities and professional fraternities, the latter become undergraduate honor fraternities, unique in that scholarship is not the sole requisite for membership as in Phi Beta Kappa or Alpha Omega Alpha.

Chapter and Alumni News

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

John McGraw is stationed at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver.

Lynn Binkley is also on duty at Fitzsimmons General Hospital.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

The rushing program of Alpha Eta Chapter included four house parties, a smoker, and a fireside talk; at the latter Dr. F. V. Woodbury, an honorary member of the chapter, spoke on "Medical Ethics". The rushing season was most successful, and twenty-three men have been pledged this term.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity was celebrated on October 31 with a banquet and formal dance. At the banquet twenty-four alumni and honorary members were present, in addition to the undergraduate chapter and two guests from Alpha Epsilon Chapter. Dr. J. W. Reid, a charter member of Alpha Eta, and Dr. H. K. Macdonald were the speakers. Telegrams from many alumni were received. Sixty couples attended the formal dance and reported a very enjoyable time.

Phi Rho Sigma has many alumni in the navy, army, and air forces, and some are serving overseas. There are in all twenty-five alumni in the Royal Canadian Medical Corps. Dr. W. M. Roy is now consultant Radiologist of Military District No. 6. Dr. J. K. L. Irwin is Flying Officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force, and Drs. G. A. Winfield and J. S. Miller are serving overseas. Eighteen active members of the chapter live in the house and all are taking military training.

Drs. Eric Howell and Gordon Lee are married and are in practice in Scotsburn, N. S., and Sudbury, Ontario, respectively. Dr. Alex Webster is in practice in Yarmouth, N. S. Dr. S. G. Mackenzie is resident physician in the Ottawa Civic Hospital, and Drs. Karl Garten and Harold Macleod hold surgical appointments in the Toronto General Hospital.

EMORY UNIVERSITY

The members of Chi Beta Chapter, pledges, and prospective pledges were entertained recently at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Marion T. Benson, Sr. A delicious buffet supper was served. Dr. Benson has two sons, Marion T. Benson, Jr., and Bagley Benson, both of whom are members of Chi Beta Chapter.

William Goodyear, a senior, was recently elected to membership in Alpha Omega Alpha. He was already a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Tom Florence, a freshman, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Stephen T. Barnett, Jr., was recently elected vice-president of the Fulton County (Atlanta) Medical Society.

D. Henry Poer, Instructor in Surgery at Emory University School of Medicine, has been elected to membership in the Southern Surgical Association. Dr. Poer is chief of the thyroid clinic at Grady Hospital. He is also secretary and one of the founders of the Surgical Investigative Society of the South.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Beta Chapter held its formal initiation on February 14, 1941. Those inducted into membership were James Hooker, Malcomb Babb, William Goodrum, Dovell Bonnett, Albert O'Berto, Robert Thompson, Grant Jones, Eugene Rikli, Harold Nelson, Wilbur Doerscheln, Fred Blix, Raymond Brandt, and Russell Forrest.

The seniors have received their internship appointments for the next year. L. Wunsch will be at the Lutheran Memorial Hospital at Fort Wayne, Ind. Edward Giunta will be at St. Francis Hospital at Peoria, Ill. "Jiggs" Nelson is headed for that sunshine country at Orange County Hospital, Orange County, Cal. Elbert Carlson and Armond Albrecht will both intern at the Lutheran Deaconess Hospital in Chicago. Herman Stone and Truman Schertz will both be at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, Ill. Robert Gordon will intern at the Illinois Research and Educational Hospital in Chicago.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Zeta Chapter proudly reports that its chapter house is now in the best condition it has enjoyed since it was built. Among important recent improvements listed are some interior renovating and painting, installation of a new stoker, complete rehabilitation of the heating system, and roof repairs. Financially, the chapter is in the "black". The house is occupied to capacity despite the dormitory situation.

Zeta Chapter joined the nation-wide celebration of Phi Rho Sigma's Golden Anniversary with an initiation and banquet. The new initiates were Carl A. Stolberg, of Ludington, Mich., and Morris J. Murray, of Charlotte, Mich. The banquet was attended by a full representation of the undergraduate chapter and by many alumni and pledges. The principal speaker was Dr. Charles S. Kennedy, Associate Professor of Surgery at Wayne University and head of the Surgery staff at Grace Hospital, Detroit. Dr. Kennedy recalled many interesting incidents in the history of Zeta Chapter, including a large number which were highly amusing. Other speakers were Homer Heath, financial director for the chapter, William M. Brace, Bert M. Bullington, H. A. Howes, J. M. Sheldon, E. A. Wishropp, Samuel W. Donaldson, William Bromme, and Philip N. Brown.

Pledges for the current year are: Robert A. Borden, Crestline, Ohio; Wilson K. Brewer, Ann Arbor, Mich.; John E. Burnett, Jr., Ypsilanti, Mich.; Joseph L. Cahalan, Wyandotte, Mich.; William D. Cheney, Charlotte, Mich.; Hugh Cook, Alpena, Mich.; Frank Ellis, Detroit, Mich.; Alfred S. Gardiner, Middletown, Ohio; James F. Haggerty, Ballard Vale, Mass.; John J. Montean, Welland, Ont.; Joseph M. Ryan, Columbus, Ohio; Victor T. Scoville, Constantine, Mich.; William R. Sheey, Portland, Ore.; Richard L. Taylor, Cleveland, Ohio; Arthur C. Tompsett, Hesperia, Mich.; and Keith H. Whitehouse, Detroit, Mich.

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The Preceptor Plan

All the good ideas are not new. All the old ideas are not bad. In the so-called preceptor plan, now in operation under the auspices of several chapters of Phi Rho Sigma, we discern the dusting off of the most primitive and ancient form of educational technique.

It is a far cry from the apprentice physician, "reading medicine" with his preceptor, to the modern school of medicine, with its costly laboratories, teaching dispensaries, and large faculties of specialists. In most respects—and there are few so reactionary as to contest this—there is little comparison between the medical education of today and that under the apprentice system. However, just as the old system proved inadequate for its purpose, so modern medical education has its weaknesses, albeit they are relatively minor ones.

One of the chief defects of the modern medical curriculum is its failure to train students in what might be termed the "housekeeping" aspects of medical practice. We are not here speaking of the so-called "art" of medicine—that combination of shrewdness and applied psychology which often borders too closely upon charlatanism. Rather, we refer to something quite as scientific in its way as many of the regular subjects taught in medical schools: the development of pleasant personal characteristics; the ability to deal with all varieties of persons; skill in short-cutting cumbersome, costly, and unnecessary diagnostic techniques; self-reliance beyond reach of the telephone and hospital walls; consideration for the purse as well as the pulse of patients; economy of effort without sacrifice of service; the rudiments of business practice. That the organized, formal schooling of the physician is lacking in these respects is certainly not the fault of the schools. Formal schooling is not geared to this type of subject matter, beyond a few generalities which students should have acquired long before they skinned their first cadavers. These are subjects to be learned from experience, and the nearer to first-hand the better. Their learning and application are too highly colored by the personal equation of the student to lend themselves well to any type of group instruction.

Several years ago, a number of medical schools attempted to remedy this defect by offering preceptorial training. Each senior student was sent out to live with and work with a practicing physician for a period of several weeks. The results, judged by the written opinions of both students and preceptors, were equivocal. Some were enthusiastic, some were indifferent, some were openly disappointed, and the general effect was unsatisfactory. The project was abandoned as being of less value than an equivalent amount of time in the regular curriculum. Yet a similar type of training, applied in a limited way to a specialty (obstetrics), has always been a highly successful form of teaching.

It is apparent, therefore, that the system can be made valuable. It is likewise apparent that its value is directly proportional to the understanding and ability and skill of the preceptor in the particular fields which he proposes to teach. Obviously, it is more difficult to find the happy combination of skillful teacher - general practitioner, who is expected to know and to impart intelligently the mechanism of the thousand-and-one housekeeping chores of general practice, than it is to locate, within a faculty, good teacher-practitioners of a limited subject. There is an old saying, "Those who can, do; those who can't, teach." Everyone thinks that he can teach what he knows; this is just one of the foibles of human nature. But it is not so: ask the students! The failure of large - scale preceptorial training must be laid at the door of the preceptors, or rather to the scarcity of good preceptors.

Now, some of our chapters are embracing this time-honored and theoretically unobjectionable form of education to supplement the prescribed courses. At the moment, the plan is being hailed as successful. Our contention is that it is a good plan, fundamentally. Furthermore, it has a much better chance to work out successfully on a limited than on a large scale, a fact which would seem to make the Fraternity a good field for its application. It should be possible, among the alumni of any chapter, to locate acceptable preceptors, not necessarily professional teachers, who have the proper qualifications. But make no mistake about this: the burden is placed squarely in the lap of the preceptor. He must have the time, or must be willing to take the time, not merely to be observed at his daily tasks but to teach; that is, to impart what he has learned to one willing to learn. His pupils may not be apt, but if they are seeking this form of training they are bound to be willing. The preceptor must have patience; if he has never done any teaching, he will be surprised at the amount and quality of patience required. He must be a conscientious practitioner of medicine, not a pill-pusher; pill-pushing brings in the money, but it is not the practice of medicine. He must be humble, aware of his limitations, and honest, lest he sow in a receptive mind the seeds of the god-complex, which is a scourge among physicians. Such potential preceptors may be found. We believe that they may be found, as many or more of them among the alumni of Phi Rho Sigma as elsewhere. If such men are located and utilized, the preceptor plan will mean something in medical education.

Resident Wanted!

Residency in Pediatrics available in a Pennsylvania hospital, beginning July 1, 1941. Pediatric experience required. Write Central Office for further particulars.

Chapter and Alumni News

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William M. Brace was recently installed as president of the Washtenaw County Medical Society. He is a member of the University Health Service Staff.

Representatives to the Scientific Exhibit of the American Medical Association, to be held in Cleveland in June, include Grover C. Penberthy and S. W. Donaldson.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Theta Tau Chapter reports its most successful rushing season in many years, pledging 19 men from the freshmen class. The pledges are Paul Russell, Jack Freeman, Charles Turbak, Wm. Nesset, Roy Holly, Milton Anderson, Paul Siefert, Fred Walter, Kenneth Baumann, George Joyce, Douglas Youngman, Paul Nelson, Charles Wilcox, Wm. Halme, Claude Hitchcock, James Lynch, Paul Brickley, Robert Rieman, and Delmont Ulrich. These men were initiated at formal ceremonies on January 25, 1941.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity was celebrated by Theta Tau Chapter at an informal dinner at the chapter house. Three charter members were present and told the story of the early years of the chapter. The steady progress of Phi Rho Sigma at Minnesota is a matter of pride for the entire Fraternity.

Four seniors from the chapter are interning at the University Hospital in Minneapolis and three at Minneapolis General Hospital. Others are interning in Milwaukee, San Diego, Phoenix, Minot, and Rochester, N. Y. Several alumni of Theta Tau hold important residencies at the University Hospital or the Minneapolis General Hospital. Dr. Albert Hayes is chief resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology and will be followed next year by Dr. Emil Holmstrom. Dr. Lyle French is a fellow in Neurosurgery, Dr. Lyle Hay in General Surgery, and Dr. Edmund Flink in General Medicine. Dr. John Haserick will be resident in Medicine next year. Dr. Luverne Strough, from Nebraska, is a fellow in Nervous and Mental Diseases, and Dr. Moore is resident in Pediatrics.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

On January 17, 1941, Dr. Verne A. Dodd, Head of the Surgery Department at Ohio State University, entertained the members and guests of Omega Chapter with his collection of pictures taken on his Wyoming vacations. He regaled the group with stories of his adventures with the mountain terrain and with the nearby groups of Indians. This enjoyable stag party opened the winter social calendar in a most pleasant manner.

Two Phi Rho seniors, Harold Treece and Thad Moreland, have been initiated into Alpha Omega Alpha.

The following pledges were initiated during the winter quarter: Walter Horn, Milton Jones, Harold Carter, Joseph Allman, and Erich Johnson.

J. E. Briggs was injured recently in an automobile accident near Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Nine men were pledged to Lambda Phi Chapter during the rushing season of last fall: Arthur Aey, Dunkirk, N. Y.; Merle Bacastow, Hershey, Pa.; Elwood Brubaker, Lebanon, Pa.; John Bucher, Sunbury, Pa.; Frederick Coleman, Philadelphia; Harry Fryer, Yeadon, Pa.; Clarence Martin, Macungie, Pa.; John Winter, Williamsport, Pa.; and Jack Wolford, Brookville, Pa. Two sophomores to become active members of the Fraternity this year were Philip Cronemiller, Bellefonte, Pa., and Kenneth Lambert, Kutztown, Pa. Initiation ceremonies for the three Philadelphia chapters were held at the Lambda Phi house on December 7, 1940.

Endeavoring to make closer their relationships, the members of Alpha Lambda, Rho, and Lambda Phi are planning a series of exchange dinner engagements at the three houses. Plans are also under way for the annual Tri-Chapter Dance, which will take place during April.

Two Lambda Phi alumni, Class of '38, have been ordered to active duty with the Army Medical Corps. Eugene Cleaver will be stationed at Orlando, Florida, and Robert Dilcher at Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Our apologies to Miles D. Garber, whose internship appointment we neglected to mention in the January issue. He will be at the Harrisburg General Hospital, Harrisburg, Pa.

The annual Inter-Fraternity Ball, in which the chapters of the six medical fraternities of the University of Pennsylvania participate, was held on March 1, 1941, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. The fraternities co-operating with Lambda Phi in this affair are Alpha Kappa Kappa, Alpha Mu Pi Omega, Nu Sigma Nu, Phi Beta Pi, and Phi Chi. The six chapters make up the Inter-Fraternity Council, founded here just a year ago.

William P. Yahraus is at present a resident in Surgery at Reading Hospital, Reading, Pa.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Chi Chapter's annual rushing party for freshmen was held on December 2, 1940, at the Shannopin Country Club. Ed Compton was chairman of the committee and did a splendid job of running the party. The chief entertainment consisted of games of chance—all forms—played lavishly with stage money. A prize was awarded to the heavy winner of the evening, who received a stethoscope. Later, a short program was conducted by President Deverson. This included talks by E. P. Wickerham, President of the Pittsburgh Alumni Association, N. C. Ochsenhirt, and Harry Cochran. A buffet supper was served at the conclusion of the program.

On February 3, 1941, initiation ceremonies were conducted for several upperclass pledges, and freshmen were given the pledge degree. The initiation was handled by Jim Shaler, who has developed an impressive degree team. The new fraters are: James Brooks, Jack Morrow, Caesar Aldisert, Robert Campbell, Victor Bantley, and Edwin Hollstein. The freshman pledges are: W. R. Vogan, J. L. Shearer, R. W. Nickeson, J. L. Buchanan, C. R. Stewart, Matthew Marshall, Jr., C. W. Metzger, J. J. Eckberg, S. J. Camarata, S. R. Black, R. F. Botkin, G. F. Edmonston, Jr., D. O. Johnston, and J. G. Howard, Jr. After the meeting, the chapter adjourned to the home of Brother Ed Sutton for refreshments and entertainment.

A. H. Colwell discussed "The Internist's Experience with Allergy" before the regular monthly clinical meeting of the staff of St. Francis Hospital, February 3, 1941.

J. West Mitchell participated in a round table discussion on diabetes mellitus at a meeting of the Westmoreland County Medical Society at Greensburg, Pa., November 19, 1940.

G. J. Kastlin, *Lambda Phi,* addressed the Armstrong County Medical Society, Kittanning, Pa., on the subject "Blood Dyscrasias", December 11, 1940. Dr. Kastlin has accepted chairmanship of the Scientific Exhibit Committee for the 1941 session of the state medical society, to be held in Pittsburgh next October.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

In line with brothers all over the country, Alpha Nu Chapter celebrated Phi Rho Sigma's Golden Anniversary with dinner at the chapter house on October 31, 1940.

Dr. Frank B. Queen, pathologist at Passavant Memorial Hospital in Chicago, was the guest speaker of the occasion, and nine of Alpha Nu's alumni made short talks. Dr. Queen addressed the meeting on two important subjects, women and money. He suggested that we organize our alumni wives into an auxiliary for household assistance, suggestions on menus, house upkeep, furnishing, and anything else the ladies could think of. He said that several other chapters had found a similar auxiliary helpful. In regard to finances, he advised us to appoint one alumnus to meet with the financial committee monthly instead of three alumni meeting with the committee quarterly as we have done previously. Action has been taken on both his proposals.

Alpha Nu alumni present included Drs. Truman G. Blocker, Willard R. Cooke, Titus H. Harris, George Herrmann, J. W. Hillsman, Charles Hooks, and John L. Otto.

Dr. Blocker started alumni speeches on an entertaining level with a joke on Chicago night life. Dr. Cooke told about his first meeting with the "jolly bone jugglers" as the brothers were once called by the natives of Galveston. Dr. Herrmann stressed the companionship and

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Come One! Come All!

The traditional Phi Rho Sigma Luncheon at the A. M. A. Convention in June will be held in the ballroom of the Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday, June 4, 1941. If you are going to the meetings, you simply can't afford to miss this luncheon. You are assured of good food, just the right number of short speeches by the right people, and an all-round good time.

Selective Service Notes

At the time of this writing, the status of interns and medical students under the Selective Service Act seems to be somewhat confused. According to the report of a conference on medical preparedness published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (December 7, 1940), an agreement had been reached whereby interns and residents in New York hospitals were to be deferred. It was further stated that such a procedure could be followed in every state by consultation with the Selective Service headquarters of the several states. In Massachusetts, the arrangement was less generalized, and the case of each intern was to be considered on its own merits. More recently (January 16, 1941), the Selective Service headquarters for Pennsylvania informed the secretary of the Allegheny County Medical Society that no deferment of registrants is provided for because of their student status after July 1, 1941; also, that after the same date any claim for deferment for interns would come under the provision for deferments "in furtherance of national health, safety or interest in the sense that it contributes to the well-being of the community or of the nation." Under such a classification, interns could be deferred by the local board for a period not exceeding six months, with the possibility of further deferment, at the discretion of the board, for additional six-month periods. In support of this ruling, Section 5 (e) of the Selective Training and Service Act was quoted as follows: "No deferment from training and service shall be made in the case of any individual except upon the basis of the status of such individual, and no deferment shall be made of individuals by occupational groups or groups of individuals in any plant or institution."

The above quotation seems to indicate clearly that deferment, in the case of medical students or interns, is entirely an individual manner. However, reports of blanket deferments suggest that fairly broad powers in this matter are granted to or assumed by the authorities in the different states.

Regarding interns who wish to apply for commissions in the Medical Reserve Corps, the Surgeon General is said to have stated that such applications will be accepted, subject to the qualifications of the applicants, but that assignments to active duty will await the completion of one year of internship.

The status of the Murray Bill, proposed to permit medical students to finish their education, is uncertain at the time of going to press.

Lost Members

The following list of lost members comprise those whose JOURNALS were returned in September. The changes of address must therefore be quite recent. Please look over the list from your chapter and inform the Central Office of any whose present locations you may know.

ALPHA

Frank W. Young, Theodore J. Bluechel, Gustav S. Link, Robert J. Parker, Bradley P. Tillotson, Homer F. Moore, Orland S. Olson, Wendall Cotton.

BETA

Kenneth Pistorius, Ralph H. Hinton, Charles R. Lenz, Jr., Raymond C. Turck.

GAMMA

Ernest R. Burnight, John L. Gedgoud, LeRoy Henry, George G. O'Connell, Ernest R. Stoehr, Charles A. Cibelius, Mathew McKirdie, Charles A. Henry, Jr., John H. Floyd, Thomas D. Jones.

DELTA

Reginald S. Petter, Winthrop Frantz, Roland C. Franklin, Francis C. Ferry, George G. Lancaster, LeRoy Campbell, Harrington V. Ingham.

EPSILON

Francis W. McNamara, Varnum C. Southworth, Howard B. Burnside, Orrin MacDougall.

ZETA

Charles H. Frantz, Jr., John G. Reid, Ralph S. Steppe, William D. Robinson, Ferdinand Gaensbauer, Herschel L. Browns, Rex E. Buxton, Enrico Miserocchi, John T. Mason, Ralph R. Rathbone.

ETA

Eugene P. Tupker, Richard R. Brady, William J. Hawkins, Joseph B. Grace, John J. Grabow, Jr., Robert J. Drake, Elmo T. McClay, David W. Bell, W. Patrick Davey, Jack F. Parsons, Stanton C. Lovre, Frank G. LeFor.

THETA TAU

John M. Hargreaves, Charles J. McGurran, Delmar R. Gillespie, Leslie A. Moran, Philip R. Beckjord, Laurentius O. Underdahl, Clarence P. Truog, Carl O. Thompson, H. Meridith Sigmond, Carl Lind, Frank J. Lawler, Frank Wildebush, Osler Peterson, Edward A. Johnson, William W. Engstrom, Harry R. Warner.

IOTA

Harvey T. Harmon, John F. Sanders, Earl B. Erskine.

KAPPA

Harold A. Conrad, Matthew T. Moorehead, William T. Wood, Edgar S. H. Ingraham, Douglas S. King, W. Russell Funderberg.

LAMBDA PHI

Reid B. Brader, Walter W. Eberling, Robert Skelton.

MU

Perle C. Irwin, Mark C. Wheelock, Paul F. Brabec, Ronald L. Hughes, Robert G. Rate. Robert C. Rauscher, Erwin D. Zeman, Felix A. Hennessy, Donald C. Snyder.

PI

Joseph L. Larmore, Rufus M. Nigh, Norman F. Peacock, Alvin F. Cohn, Donald K. Clark, William B. Lybrook, Jed W. Pearson, George M. Jewell, Robert Owsley.

RHO

George B. Craddock, Herman C. Rogers, Jack R. Wennersten, Richard H. Fenstermacher, John J. Penta, Joseph P. McCarron, Thomas K. Moore, George Noel, Jr., Edward J. Jenkins, Lewis P. Frank.

UPSILON

Raymond D. Garcin, Jackson M. Bowling, James S. Liverman, William M. Junkin, Joseph T. Peters, John W. Linfesty.

CHI

Lloyd D. Rugh, Morris L. Ogan.

PSI

Roland R. Anderson, Robert E. Rider, Hubert L. Binkley, Russell C. Tetallack, Monroe R. Tyler, Thomas M. Van Bergen, John G. Bramley, Charles H. Burnett, James S. Snow, Harry E. Coakley, Terry J. Gromer, Edward C. Riggs, Herbert B. Ellis, Frederick B. Warshauer, Ted A. Casey, John F. Ryan.

OMEGA

Robert F. Kaiser, Ted C. Allenbach, Pliny A. Price, Robert T. Poling, Frank R. Maskrey, Raymond G. Plummer, Maurice B. Menke, Alvin J. Swingle, Carl H. Zinsmeister.

DELTA OMICRON ALPHA

Arthur L. Smith, Edwin P. Hall, Robert L. Gleason, James E. Pollock, Alfred L. Adam, Robert C. McDonald, Millard L. Smith.

ALPHA DELTA

James L. Hope, Pearson C. Kellogg, Eldred L. Gann, Otto L. Siewert, John C. Faris, Kenneth E. Pletcher, Everett E. Carrier, Myron W. Larsen, Walter H. Matuska, George W. Blankenship, Clyde R. Milster.

ALPHA EPSILON

Clarence A. Kyle, John D. Birrell, Clair O. Misener, J. Allan Walters.

ALPHA ZETA

Harold L. Weaver, Charles V. Barley, Fred Powers-Heald.

ALPHA IOTA

John A. Ganshorn, Byron Unkauf.

ALPHA LAMBDA

George C. Covalla, Murray G. Stromberg, Anthony Melora, Owen W. Hartman, Millard F. Jones.

ALPHA BETA

Henry M. Morris.

ALPHA OMICRON
Dean B. Jones, Robert H. Johnson, Charles W. Orr, Thomas L. Lauderdale.

ALPHA NU
Dolph L. Curb, James N. White, Jack B. Lee, David M. Cameron.

CHI ALPHA
Du Bose Eggleton, Paul L. Nevill, Charles W. Harper, Nathan M. DeVaughn, James H. Hagan, Erle T. Newsom, James C. Pirkle.

CHI BETA
James E. Allgood, Sterling H. Jernigan, James O. Simmons, Lucius F. Wright.

CHI DELTA
Allen H. Johnson, Jesse G. Seastrunk, Winter C. Wallace, Francis H. Cole, William J. Tobin.

CHI EPSILON
Harry H. Hudson, Ralph G. Nichols, Joe M. Chisholm, John W. Varner, Carl J. Walker, Everett B. Archer.

CHI ETA
Nelson K. Floreth, Hugh S. Elliott, Harold O. Cooperman, Louis B. Roberts, Roscoe L. Barlow, William N. Kalcounes.

CHI THETA
William H. Patrick, Leland R. O'Brien, N. Moses McCall.

CHI ZETA
Opie R. Holloway.

ALPHA GAMMA
John F. Argue, Lee Smith, William A. Jarrett, Gordon W. Roberts.

ALPHA THETA
Ewald H. Pawsat, Benton C. Wilson, Karl M. Lippert, George H. Wood, Paul E. Dingle, Sidney Scorse.

OMICRON
Benjamin F. Gallant, Arthur J. Cramp.

NU
Edward H. Taylor, Wayne S. Ramsey, George E. Eversole.

SIGMA
Emory E. Walter, John E. Flannagan.

CHI GAMMA
Andrew L. Chesson, Regis F. Downey.

ALPHA KAPPA
Gordon M. Meade.

UNCLASSIFIED
P. A. Tatum, James W. Henry, Benjamin J. Boyd.

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Phi Rho Heads Hospital

Russell B. Crawford, *Omega,* has been medical director of Lakewood Hospital, Lakewood, Ohio, for several months. This is one of the best of the smaller hospitals in Greater Cleveland, and has 165 beds. The visiting staff is one of the best in town. Dr. Crawford has reorganized the resident staff and, for the time being, has decided to use residents instead of interns. The Fraternity extends congratulations and best wishes for continued success to its distinguished member.

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problems of the men who founded the national Fraternity.

Alpha Nu's contributors wish to apologize for an error they made in the last report. The name of Dr. G. K. Fair was spelled incorrectly.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Alpha Epsilon Chapter started the current year in its new chapter house at 6 Harbord Street, Toronto. The new chapter home is conveniently situated and well suited to the needs of the group. Alumni and undergraduates alike are delighted with the new accommodations.

The Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet was held on November 20, 1940, at the new house. The affair was attended by undergraduates, alumni, and their guests. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Edward Harkins, one of the charter members of Alpha Epsilon. Short remarks were given, also, by other alumni present. The banquet was followed by a dance.

Early in December, the chapter was honored by a visit from Dr. Ralph W. Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer of the Fraternity. Dr. Elliott was also present at the annual chapter "At Home", held in the Toronto Hunt Club, December 13, 1940.

Canada at War has had a profound effect on university life in Toronto. At almost any hour of the day, tramping of feet and shouts of command can be heard from the campus. Students of the senior years have been given the privilege of training in the Canadian Officers' Training Corps, while the remaining physically fit students go through a period of training in what is known as the Auxiliary Battalion. Training consists of lectures and drills, which began in October and will end in March. This program is to be supplemented by two weeks of training in camp next spring. The Officer Commanding of the C. O. T. C., Captain J. W. Graham, is an alumnus of Alpha Epsilon Chapter.

The chapter is well represented in the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Among those over-seas are Brothers Gray, Wansbrough, Singleton, Middlebro, McLeod, McIntosh, Robertson, and Brenner. Among those still in Canada are Brothers English, Brennan, Graham, Little, Cork, Kyle, Metzler, Railton, Boyd, and Green.

TULANE UNIVERSITY

The following are the internship appointments of D. O. A.'s to date: Fredrick A. Wild, Jr., Touro Infirmary, New Orleans, La.; Louis Cabiran, Charity Hospital, New Orleans, La.; Theodore Treuting, Charity Hospital, New Orleans, La.

The chapter members played host to the pledges and their guests at a Christmas party and dance just prior to the holidays. The following pledges were present: Jack Corbitt, Montgomery, Alabama; George Cuellar, Miami, Fla.; Art Calix, New Orleans, La.; Ralph Nieto, Celaya, Gto., Mexico; Mike Boustani, Lafayette, La.; and Charles Daunis, Westwego, La.

A Valentine Party is being planned by the chapter for the purpose of raising funds for the furnishings of the new chapter house. It will climax a drive among the alumni members in and near New Orleans which thus far has been quite successful.

Research Award for Infantile Paralysis

A grant of $2,760 from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has been awarded to Dr. John A. Toomey, *Kappa,* Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine, President Winfred Leutner announced recently. The National Foundation is popularly known as the Birthday Fund of the President of the United States.

This grant will be used to aid in finding a way to produce infantile paralysis in the smaller animals for experimental purposes. Dr. Toomey pointed out that because of the war it has been difficult to secure shipments of monkeys to be used in experimental work on poliomyelitis. It is imperative that the study be carried on by means of other animals, notably rats.

Dr. Toomey has already received grants from the National Foundation amounting to $48,000 for his experimentation in infantile paralysis, which he performs at the Cleveland City Hospital laboratories.

The annual Phi Rho Sigma formal pledge dance was held February 15 at the Jung Hotel Roof in New Orleans.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Vernon L. Peterson is now a leading radiologist in Charleston, W. Va.

Robert F. Parker was recently appointed Associate Professor of Medicine at Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

WAYNE UNIVERSITY

On November 8, 1940, Epsilon Chapter was entertained at the home of Dr. C. K. Valade. Prospective pledges were present. Refreshments were served, and short talks were presented by several of the alumni.

Several of the fraters attended the Annual Formal Dance of Zeta Chapter, at Ann Arbor, on November 16, 1940. A definite attempt is being made by these two chapters toward better mutual acquaintance, and plans are being laid for a series of joint meetings.

The final rushing party for the year 1940 took the form of a luncheon, held in the grill of the Madison-Lennox Hotel on December 7. Short speeches were made by Drs. Wm. J. Stapleton, Jr., C. I. Owen, A. J. Lehman, and F. W. Hyde. Results of the rushing season have not yet been announced.

A weekly seminar in Surgery, devoted to diseases of the chest, has been conducted by Charles G. Johnston.

Wm. J. Stapleton, Jr., addressed the Hamilton Community Club, November 28, 1940, on the subject "Should Health End at Forty?"

Earl W. May was one of the main speakers at the Fall Graduate Conference for Physicians at Herman Kiefer Hospital, November 13, 1940.

Thomas Horan presented a program on "Diagnosis and Management of Cirrhosis

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Chapter Eternal

Howard Leighton Updegraff, *Iota,* died August 8, 1940, of acute pancreatitis. He was 43 years of age.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, Dr. Updegraff received his early education at Lake Forest Academy and Omaha High School. His undergraduate collegiate and medical studies were pursued at the University of Nebraska, from which he graduated in medicine in 1919. After several years devoted to the study and practice of general surgery, he specialized in reconstructive surgery, which occupied the remainder of his life, and in which field he became an international authority. His home and offices were located in Hollywood, Cal.

Dr. Updegraff was a member of the Royal Australian Medical Society, a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a fellow of the American Medical Association, a member of the Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, past president of the International Medical Society, a member of the Pan Pacific Surgical Society, and an active participant in the work of the Hollywood Academy of Medicine. He was associate editor of the *American Journal of Surgery,* and held the rank of Commander in the United States Naval Reserve Medical Corps. Aside from his professional accomplishments, Dr. Updegraff was an able artist, sculptor, and pianist.

Frederick A. Rhodes, *Chi,* died December 29, 1940, at his home in Culver City, Cal., from hypostatic pneumonia complicating hypertensive cardio-renal-vascular disease.

Dr. Rhodes was born in New Castle, Pa., in 1873. He graduated from Grove City College and received his medical training at the Western University of Pennsylvania, obtaining his degree in 1900. He was Professor of Physiology at the University of Pittsburgh from 1905 to 1910, when he wrote the text book, *Applied Physiology.*

Dr. Rhodes moved to California in 1923. He retired from practice in 1932. He was a member of the Los Angeles County, California State, and American Medical Associations. He also organized and served as president of the Pitt Club of Southern California.

Norton H. Good, *Alpha Omega Delta,* of Buffalo, N. Y., was accidentally drowned in Lake Erie while on a fishing trip, August 24, 1940.

Charles E. Boynton, Jr., *Chi Beta,* died in Atlanta, Ga., September 25, 1940. He received his A. B. degree at Princeton University and was a member of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

Francis M. Shook, *Zeta,* died on December 29, 1940, at his home in Oakland, Cal., from an embolism following a gall bladder operation.

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S. W. Insley conducted a program on "Applications of Allergy" before the Clinical Staff Conference at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital, November 22, 1940.

Carl J. Sprunk and LeRoy C. Askwig have been ordered to active military duty.

ADDITIONAL ALUMNI NOTES

G. Marshall Crawford, *Alpha,* announces the removal of his office to 1101 Beacon St., Brookline, Mass. He will specialize in the practice of Dermatology and Syphilology.

Russell D. Herrold, *Gamma,* announces the removal of his office to 6 North Michigan Ave., Chicago. His practice is limited to Urology.

Pascal F. Lucchesi, *Rho,* spoke on the treatment of anthrax before a symposium on anthrax sponsored by the Bureau of Industrial Hygiene of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Philadelphia, November 19, 1940.

William B. Potter, *Iota,* has been appointed Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Texas Medical College, Galveston, Texas.

G. Raymond Barrett, *Alpha Iota,* is working at the Vancouver General Hospital in an administrative and clinical position as second assistant to Dr. Haywood.

John Karr, *Alpha Kappa,* is pathologist at Clifton Springs Sanitorium, Clifton Springs, N. Y.

Joseph J. Fink, *Chi Eta,* now a captain in the Medical Corps, is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss.

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Doctors' Hospital

Several large American cities now boast hospitals for the care of physicians. The latest to join the ranks is Philadelphia, where a 250 bed hospital, owned and operated by the Doctors' Hospital Corporation, was opened for patients on September 23, 1940.

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ference awards on the cover and featuring appropriate cartoons by McCutcheon and Caniff, served as a souvenir for each guest.